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**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1707-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
Bernward SCHÖLKENS et al. ) Prior Group Art Unit: 1614  
Continuation of ) Prior Examiner: R. Henley III  
Application No.: 09/651,275 )  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: USE OF INHIBITORS OF THE )  
RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM )  
IN THE PREVENTION OF )  
CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Preliminary Amendment**

Before examining this application, please amend the application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Specification are included on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper starting at page 3.